*To*

MISS IRENE ROLL.

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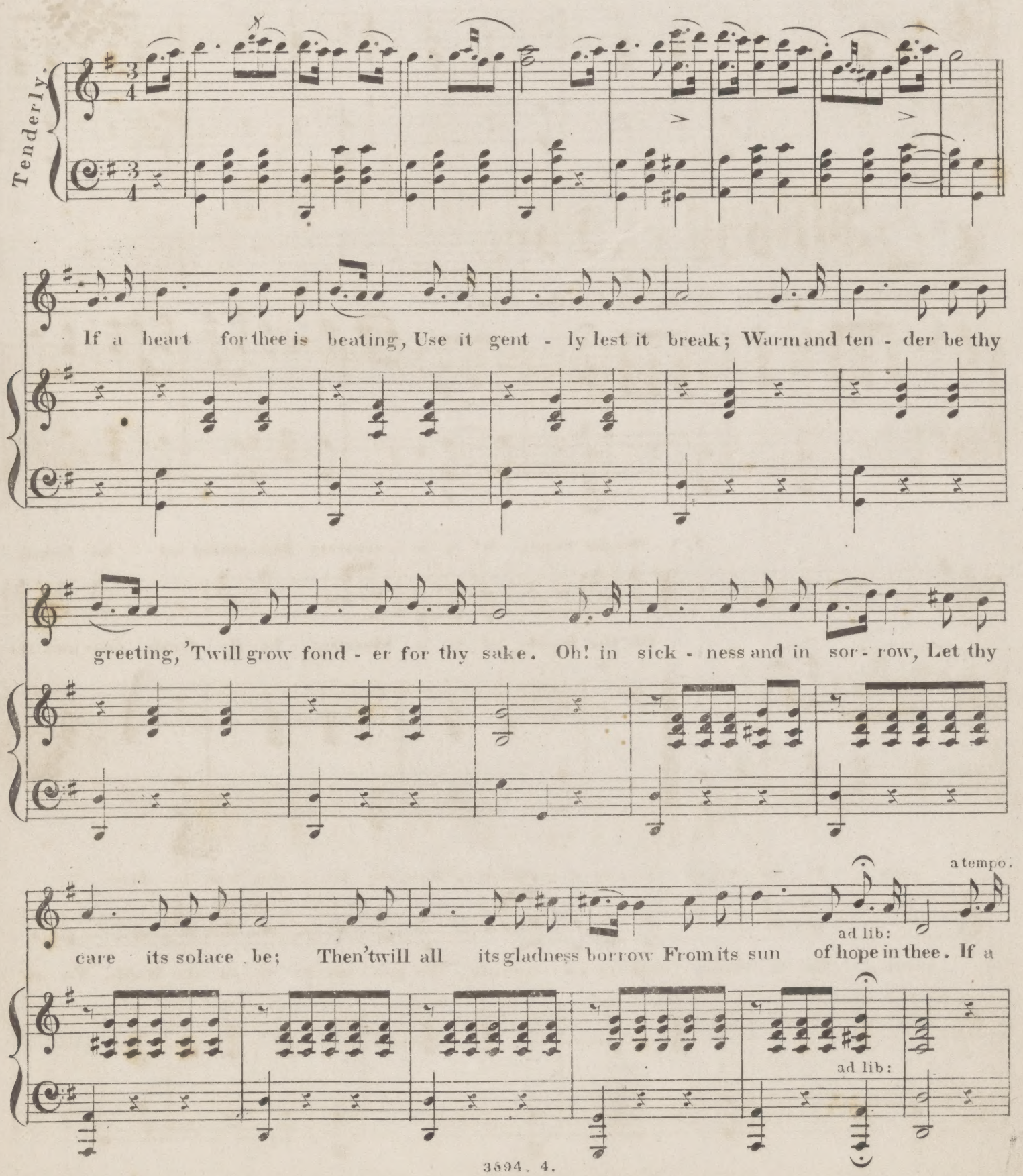


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heart for thee is beating, Use it gent - ly lest it break; Warm and ten - der be thy

greeting, 'Twill grow strong - er for thy sake.

3. V. Oh, the heart, it is a treasure That should not be lightly

Oh! the heart it is a blessing, In its fresh - ness and its

won; To be thrown a - side at pleasure, When the fes - tive hour is done. 'Tis a

youth, Be it thine, 'mid thy ca - ressing, To pre - serve it in its truth. 'Tis no

jew - el, that to cherish, Should be still thy constant boast; For when all be-side it

world - ly gem, at pleasure To be worn or cast a - side, But a firm and priceless

perish, Will its worth be known the most. If a heart &c.

ad lib: a tempo.

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ad lib:

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